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THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PUB. CO.,
Jackson, Miss.

Officers.

W. J. Armstrong, Moderator.....Arm, Miss.
A. C. Buckley, Clerk.....Arm, Miss.
N. S. Buckley, Treasurer.....Oak Vale, Miss.

Order of Business.

1. Call of the Body to Order.
2. Appoint Reading Clerks.
3. Elect Officers.
4. Invite Visiting Ministers to Seats With Us.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Receive Correspondence.
7. Arrange Correspondence.
8. Appoint Committees.
9. Receive Reports.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Approve Minutes.
12. Adjourn.

Proceedings.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH, }
September 8th, 1900. }

THE Pearl River Baptist Association met in its Eighty-First Annual Session with the Little River Baptist church, Marion county, Miss., on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Moderator being absent, the meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Bro. W. J. Armstrong, and a short preliminary service was held, conducted by Rev. J. M. Richey.

On motion, Bro. W. J. Armstrong was elected Moderator *pro tem.* by acclamation, and Bro. J. M. Polk, Clerk *pro tem.*

Brethren G. W. Johnston and A. S. Applewhite were appointed Reading Clerks.

Brethren Z. T. Daughdrill and B. S. Watts were appointed a Committee on Finance.

The letters from the various churches composing the Association were read and the names of the delegates enrolled on the minutes.

On motion, the Association proceeded to elect officers of the Body for the ensuing year, by ballot.

Brethren G. M. Buckley and C. V. Satton were appointed Tellers.

The election resulted in the choice of Bro. W. J. Armstrong, Moderator; Bro. A. C. Buckley, Clerk, and Bro. N. S. Buckley, Treasurer.

On motion, the delegates from Pearl Valley church were received without a letter, and their names enrolled on the minutes.

By request of Rev. J. W. Steen, this Body offered a special prayer in behalf of Rev. J. T. Dale's wife. Led by Elder J. L. Price.

On motion, the Association adjourned to listen to preaching of the introductory sermon by Rev. J. B. Polk. Text—Romans, 13:11: "Knowing the time, it is high time to awake out of sleep."

After which the Association adjourned forty-five minutes for refreshments.

Benediction, by Rev. A. A. Bryant.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and, after singing, prayer was offered by Rev. T. D. Cox.

The Moderator declared the Association ready for the transaction of business.

Visiting ministers present were invited to seats with the Association.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following named brethren as a Committee on Devotional Exercises, to-wit: J. B. Dale, W. D. Fortenberry, J. W. Daniels, C. W. Brister, with the Moderator and delegates of Little River church.

Messengers were received as follows:

From the Bogue Chitto Association—Elder J. L. Price.

From the Fair River Association—W. C. Maxwell.

Union Association—W. T. Bickham.

Pearl River Colored Association—J. D. Dukes.

West Pearl Association—A letter and package of minutes; no Messenger.

The following corresponding letters were read from West Pearl River Association and Pearl River Colored Association:

From Pearl Leaf Association—Elder J. E. Davis as Messenger.

Arranged correspondence as follows:

To the Fair River Association—Brethren A. H. McGuffee and C. M. Brister.

- To the Hobolochitto Association—A. J. Williams.
- To the Magee's Creek Association—W. N. Forbes.
- To the West Pearl River Association—No Messengers.
- To the Gulf Coast Association—No Messengers.
- To the Pearl Leaf Association—Rev. J. B. Polk, J. D. Cox, J. J. Justice and J. M. Polk.
- To the Strong River Association—Rev. J. W. Steen.
- To the Bogue Chitto Association—No Messenger.
- To the Baptist State Convention—T. D. Cox, J. M. Richey, J. B. Polk, B. S. Watts, G. W. Johnston, W. J. Armstrong and G. M. Buckley.
- To the Pearl River Colored Association—J. M. Polk, Z. T. Daughdrill, A. J. Roberson, N. S. Buckley and B. S. Watts.

On motion, Rev. J. B. Polk was elected to attend the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made their following partial report, which was read and adopted, as follows:

- Rev. A. A. Bryant, preach on the stand this evening.
- Sunday school mass meeting, 10 a. m. Sunday.
- Rev. J. M. Richey, preach in the house 11 a. m. Sunday.
- Rev. J. E. Davis, on the stand at the same hour.
- Elder J. L. Price, in the house at 2 p. m., and Rev. T. D. Cox on the stand at the same hour.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. DALE, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

- On Temperance—J. B. Dale, A. J. Roberson.
- On Sunday school—J. O. Buckley, C. V. Sutton and T. J. Batten.
- On State Missions—J. E. Davis, C. M. Brister and G. M. Buckley.
- On Foreign Missions—J. L. Price, Z. T. Daughdrill and J. M. Richey.
- On Pastoral Support—B. S. Watts and G. W. Johnston.
- On Ministerial Education—T. D. Cox, J. M. Polk and J. J. Justice.
- On Publications—J. W. Steen and A. A. Bryant.
- On Abstracts—J. C. Ryals and G. D. Roberson.
- On Obituaries—J. M. Fortenberry and Richard Moss.
- On Mississippi College—J. B. Dale, Q. G. Bryant, C. M. Brister and J. A. Daniel.

On Theological Seminary—J. L. Price, J. E. Davis and J. W. Steen.

On Apportionment—W. N. Forbes, D. W. Brown, A. H. McGuffee, William Polk, Charley Fortenberry, J. M. Polk, G. W. Johnston, J. C. Martin, J. W. Daniel, J. M. Newman, J. M. Davis, E. J. Pitman, W. J. Hodges, C. F. Carney, Martin Cooper, J. M. Dunaway, E. F. Williams, J. T. Robertson, W. D. Fortenberry, G. H. Bayliss.

On motion, a committee of two be appointed on Bible Giving, to report at 10 o'clock on Monday. Brethren J. B. Polk, T. D. Cox, committee.

On motion, the report on Systematic Giving be deferred.

On motion, a vote be taken relative to the place for holding the next meeting of the Association, which resulted in the choice of Holly Springs church, Marion county, fourteen miles northwest of Columbia.

On motion, adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. J. E. Davis.

Benediction by Rev. J. M. Richey.

SECOND DAY—SUNDAY'S SESSION.

Sunday-school mass meeting at 10 o'clock was conducted by Rev. J. B. Polk, when the report on Sunday-schools was read and discussed and adopted by the body.

On account of the continued down-pour of rain, both services at the stand had to be omitted. The brethren, at the appointed hour, filled their places in the house, preached to large and attentive congregations and we trust much good was done.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, Sept. 10, 1900.

Association met at 9 o'clock. After singing, Rev. J. E. Davis read a lesson from the second division of Psalms

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and a short time was spent in devotional exercise.

The Moderator then declared the Association in order for business.

On motion, the Moderator appointed Bro. C. M. Brister as messenger to the Union Association.

REPORTS.

ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, would report the following:

That the subject of Temperance has been dealt with so often and in so many different ways that at first sight it would seem useless to further write upon this matter. But when we remember that of all the foes to civilization "whisky" is the most subtle, we can readily see that continued vigilance is the price of eternal safety, the matter cannot be too prominently kept before the people.

He is a friend who takes the bottle away from the mouth of his neighbor.

He who can convince his generation of the errors in the traffic and use of whisky will be called blessed.

Pastors should ever keep this matter before their churches, and insist upon a better record among their members.

Sunday-schools should teach their pupils that the use of, or handling whisky is an evil, a shame and a disgrace to anyone.

Parents should impress upon their children the necessity not only of abstaining from handling and drinking whisky, but the absolute danger of associating with those who trample with the horrible stuff in any manner.

We should teach them that such men are law-breakers, and are enemies to their country and their neighbors, and should be shunned as a pestilence. All Christians, all law-abiding and country-loving citizens should unite in one great band and demand that the evils and dangers of whisky drinking should be inserted in our text books and taught in our public schools that the youths of our land should fully understand the physical evils and moral disgrace that surely follows the use of intoxicating liquors.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. DALE,
A. J. ROBERTSON,
Committee.

ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee on Pastoral Support, ask leave to submit the following report:

There is doubtless more neglect of Christian duty along this line than in any other church work. We are told that "they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel," and that the laborer is worthy of his hire. We believe that there is a large per cent of the membership of the churches that have never been made to realize that they have a duty to perform to their pastor, but they seem to think that there is no responsibility resting upon them in this direction, and all that they do is at their own option; we believe that it is as much the duty of the Christians to contribute to the support of the pastor as it is to pay any other honest debt; we believe also that each member of our churches should be taught and be made to fully understand their duty to their pastor. Each member virtually agrees when he or she unites with the church, to contribute to the support of the ministry according to his or her ability; and if anyone not being a pauper willfully refuses to help in this work, we believe that such member should be considered out of order and disciplined accordingly; we believe that the pastor should not only have the temporal, but also the spiritual and social support of the churches.

We can help the pastor greatly by entering heartily in his work spiritually and socially, by putting ourselves fully into the work.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. WATTS,
Chairman Committee.

ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

We, your Committee on Devotional Exercises, beg leave to make this, our final report:

That the services at the stand to-day be omitted and that Elder J. T. Dale preach the next introductory sermon, and Elder J. W. Steen, alternate.

J. B. DALE,
Chairman Committee.

ON BIBLE GIVING.

Your Committee on Bible Giving would submit the following:

That we believe that the present undeveloped condition of the masses of our people in this line is due largely to the part that we have not studied the subject closely, and turned on it the whole blaze of the light of God's word.

We believe that the church is a perfect organization, that God has taught us to give our temporal means to support it, that the needs of such support demands the collection and distribution of enormous sums of money, and we believe further, that the regulators of the churches would be imperfect without a system by which these means are to be collected. We all admit that the Jewish church had a system of giving in which we find these three points:

(1). They were required to give the first of all their increase, first with respect to quality, Deut. 15:21, Mal. 1:7-10 and first with respect to supply. Exod. 23:19 and 34:26.

(2). They were required to give a tenth of all their increase. Lev. 27:30, 32.

(3). That they were everyone required to give who had an increase. I Cor. 16:2.

There are comparatively a few people to-day who believe this system to be binding on the churches now, and still fewer who adhere to it. Some will admit that the first and third points are binding on the churches, but not the second, the tithing system.

However untasteful and however unaccepted it may be, we, your committee, believe that the entire system is binding on the churches now.

We give as our reasons for this belief:

(1). It was the system before the Mosaical law was given to men, Gen. 28:22 and 14:19-20.

(2). It was inserted into said law (Lev. 27:30, 32) and remained the system until Christ came.

(3). Giving is as fully taught in the New Testament as in the Old.

(4). The phrase as "the Lord prospers you" (I Cor. 16:2) cannot be interpreted except we make it mean a certain per cent of all our increase.

(5). We claim to live in a closer relation to God than did the Jews and to know more of his love, and sacrifice for fallen men and women where they went to God through an high priest, we are made in this new condition kings and priest (Rev. 1:6), and have the privilege of going into the holy of holies; yea, into the very presence of God.

If the Jews in their less favored condition gave the tenth, shall we in our more favored condition give less? God forbid.

(6). Christ endorsed the tithing system when he said "Ye tithe mint and sen and all manner of herbs and passover judgment and the love of God. These you ought to have done (give the tenth of your mint and —————) and not left the other undone. Luke 11:14.

(7). It is the only specified system of giving found in the Bible.

(8). The prosperity temporally and spiritually of those who out of an honest heart prove God by giving a tenth of all their income, therefore, we believe the Bible system of giving is:

- (1). To give the first of all our increase.
- (2). To give not less than the tenth of all our increase.
- (3). That everyone who has an income is require to give.

The advantages of this system are:

- (1). The gospel will have a better support temporarily.
- (2). The churches would be relieved of the practice of resorting to questionable entertainments and high pressure methods to collect that which we owe the Lord and that which we ought to pay him from a willing heart and out of cheerful obedience to his commands.

(3). The people will prosper more and the cause of God would flourish. Mal. 3:10.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. POLK,
T. D. COX,
Committee.

ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

We, your Committee on Mississippi College, beg leave to submit the following report:

That we have published time after time that we believe that those whom God has called to preach should be educated. Have we carried out our published belief; are we lending a helping hand in this work? We have prayed Oh! Lord, send more laborers into the vineyard. God has answered these prayers, precious gifts have been intrusted to our care in the person of our young and middle-aged men. Now the question is, shall we show our appreciation of this blessing by stating year after year our belief and then showing by our actions that we are going back on all our former statements? Let us prove our faith by our works.

Respectfully submitted,

Q. G. BRYANT,
J. A. DANIEL,
C. M. BRISTER,
Committee.

MINUTES OF THE

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We, your committee, would report the following: That we believe this to be a good institution doing a good service for the denomination and work for our young preachers that is very much needed, giving them biblical training; and a pastor's course which prepares them for good work and profitable service for our churches.

J. L. PRICE,

J. E. DAVIS,

Committee.

On motion adjourned one-half hour for refreshments.
Benediction by Rev. T. D. Cox.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met Pursuant to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Polk. The reading of reports was continued.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report: That every proposition of life calls for men who are eminently qualified to meet all of its demands. For the preacher to meet all the demands upon him, and to make the most of his profession he must be educated. After God has called a man to preach the gospel, he should be educated from a literary point of view as well as from a theological point of view. A broad foundation must be laid upon which to build. The mind must be well trained, it must be strengthened that it may be better prepared to grasp the profound truths of the gospel.

After this preparation is had the preacher is then prepared to make the most out of God's holy word.

The preacher must study, God tells him so. We would suggest Mississippi College as the best place for a literary course, and the Theological Seminary as the best place for Bible study.

But we would warn our brethren to be careful as to whom they aid in such preparations:

T. D. COX,

J. M. POLK,

J. J. JUSTICE,

Committee.

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, ask leave to submit the following report:

As we are entering upon a new century, and as there are new enterprises being introduced and built up in our country which has and will bring an increased population into our midst, we ought not to be slow in reorganizing or unwilling to meet the great demand upon us. To the churches as now constituted is the problem of maintaining that supremacy which we have held as a people for years gone by, and which we should transmit in increasing measure to the new century. Never in our history has there been more to cheer us on. We cannot afford to falter in the work of State Missions at this junction. Let us have renewed efforts and an increase in contributions all along the line.

Respectfully,

J. E. DAVIS,
C. M. BRISTER,
G. M. BUCKLEY,
Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

We mean by Foreign Missions to embrace the multiplied millions of people across the seas; with Mexico, papal Rome and pagan heathen. When we investigate and learn the facts in this connection there are multiplied millions of these people who to-day are in the broad way that leads to death, and we who have received some better things than they, hear our blessed Lord say, go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, with a promise that he that believeth shall be saved and again behold, the fields are white already to harvest. Will we take part in gathering this harvest? Our minutes of last year give this Association credit for \$66.25 on this important fund of Foreign Missions, this year about \$71.37. Are we satisfied at this amount with 2241 members? Is this equal to our responsibility? Is it paying the debt of gratitude we owe to him who died for us to redeem us, and who said ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. Jesus said, occupy till I come. When he comes will he say well done?

J. L. PRICE,
J. M. RICHEY,
C. M. BRISTER,
Committee.

LOCAL BOARD.

We, your Committee on Local Board, would submit the following:

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We met soon after our last Association and employed brother J. B. Polk for one-fourth of his time, for which we paid him \$45.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. T. DAUGHDRILL,

Ch'm. Committee.

MISSIONARY.

We, your Missionary Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

(1). We have had our regular meetings all the year except April which we missed on account of the floods.

(2). During first quarter we preached to about 40 people, during second quarter to about 75 people, during the third quarter to about 125 people.

(3). They have paid up the first two quarter's salary in full and a little over.

(4). We are undertaking to build a house 30x45 feet, and to finish same at once. The land has been secured, the lumber placed on the ground and the work commenced last week under the management of an experienced carpenter. He hopes to finish the work in this month.

(5). The material cost about one hundred and twenty dollars and the builder is to be paid one hundred dollars. Other expenses about one hundred dollars.

(6). About two hundred and twenty dollars has been subscribed, which if paid, will fall short of our needs near a hundred dollars.

(7). We ask for hearty co-operation of all this Association; we ask for your prayers, and a liberal share of your donations for State Missions.

(8). We believe the church will double its force this year, and in the near future be one of the most active churches of the Association.

(9). We believe investments made there will prove to be very profitable. Therefore help it until she is in her new house and on her feet.

J. B. POLK,

Missionary.

PUBLICATION.

We, your Committee on Publication, ask leave to submit the following report:

We cannot place too much importance on this subject. We could mention many Baptist publications worthy of our support, all of which we know to be good. We shall mention by name however our own.

Every Baptist in the South ought to support financially and spiritually to be supported by the publications of our Southern Boards.

The Foreign Mission Board, our Home Field and literature of our Sunday-school Board is peculiarly ours; they need our support but we need theirs more than they need ours.

Most of all, the cause of Christ needs the support which we will never give till we become intelligent Baptists.

We would mention our own paper, *The Baptist*. Brethren, pastors, have we done our duty towards the paper, have we talked it up among our people? How many families in our churches read it? Is our conscience clear on this matter? Brethren, let us try to put *The Baptist* and our Southern publications into the homes of our people.

A. A. BRYANT,
Ch'm. Committee.

OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries would report the following:

After looking over the letters, we find that the Lord in his wisdom has called 33 of our members to their reward. The names of all are not known to your Committee, so we find it impracticable to make special mention of each of their names. While we mourn our loss, yet we rejoice in their eternal gain. May we all live so as to meet them in the upper and better home.

JOHN M. FORTENBERRY,
RICHARD MOSS,
Committee.

APPORTIONMENT.

Your committee would ask leave to report as follows:

That we have apportioned as follows to the several churches

Antioch	\$ 7 00
Black Jack Grove	
Bethel	15 00
Columbia	25 00
Cedar Grove	10 00

Clear Springs.....	
Crooked Creek	25 00
Good Hope.....	7 50
Hepzibah.....	10 00
Holly Springs	
Magee's Creek	25 00
Pleasant Hill.....	10 00
Providence.....	15 00
Prine Springs.....	5 00
Pearl Valley.....	5 00
New Hope (Marion).....	
" " (Lawrence).....	3 00
Little River.....	10 00
Society Hill.....	50 00
Silver Creek.....	20 00
Shiloh.....	10 00

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. MCGUPPÉE,
Chairman Committee.

ON ABSTRACTS.

Your Committee on Abstracts beg leave to submit the following report:

Antioch reports regular service on third Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

T. B. FORTENBERRY, Pastor.

Bethel, regular service on second Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

J. L. PRICE, Pastor.

Black Jack Grove reports regular service on first Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

T. B. FORTENBERRY, Pastor.

Columbia reports regular service on third Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

J. T. DALE, Pastor.

Cedar Grove reports regular service on first Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

J. B. POLK, Pastor.

Crooked Creek reports regular service on first Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

J. P. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

Clear Springs reports regular service on second Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

T. D. COX, Pastor.

Good Hope reports regular service on second Sunday and Saturday in each month.

A. A. BRYANT, Pastor.

Hepzibah reports regular service on first Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

J. W. STEEN, Pastor.

Holly Springs reports regular service on second Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

J. B. POLK, Pastor.

Little River reports regular service on fourth Sunday and Saturday in each month.

J. W. STEEN, Pastor.

Magee's Creek reports regular service on first Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

J. L. PRICE, Pastor.

Pleasant Hill reports regular service on first Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

W. R. JOHNSTON, Pastor.

New Hope, Marion, reports regular service on second Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

J. M. RICHEY, Pastor.

New Hope, Lawrence, reports regular service on third Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

J. M. RICHEY, Pastor.

Providence reports regular service on third Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

W. R. JOHNSTON, Pastor.

Prine Springs reports regular service on second Sunday and third Saturday in each month.

J. T. DALE, Pastor.

Shiloh reports regular service on first Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

C. T. TONEY, Pastor.

Society Hill reports regular service on second Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

J. T. DALE, Pastor.

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Silver Creek reports regular service on second Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

J. C. BUCKLEY, Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. RYALS,
G. D. ROBERTSON,
Committee.

On motion, the same members on Local Board be elected, with the addition of Bro. N. S. Buckley.

ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, ask leave to report the following:

That we have carefully examined the Treasurer's account, and find it correct and amply sustained by cash and vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. WATTS,
Z. T. DAUGHDRILL,
Committee.

OF TREASURER.

N. S. Buckley, Treasurer.

In account with the Pearl River Baptist Association:

1900.	Dr.	Cr.
To amt. on hand from last year.....	\$ 218 35	
" " for State Missions.....	69 31	
" " " Home Missions.....	24 80	
" " " Foreign Missions.....	43 57	
" " " General Missions.....	45 52	
" " " received of churches by vouchers for Missions.....	70 41	
" " " State Missions now on hand from 1899.....	25 30	
	497 26	
By amt. paid W. J. Armstrong for printing and distributing Minutes.....		\$ 49 30
By amt. to A. V. Rowe for Missions.....		97 30
" " " Ministerial Education.....		80
" " " Mississippi College.....		4 85
" " J. B. Polk for State Missions.....		36 00
" " R. W. Murry for Ministerial Education.....		5 00
" " for Missions from church by vouchers.....		70 41
		\$ 263 60
To balance on hand to be accounted for.....	\$ 233 60	

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. Buckley,
Treasurer.

DEAR BROTHER ROWE—We, the Pearl River Association in order of business, do hereby express ourselves as believing that the community of Pearl Valley church is a very important mission station, and that a limited part of the State Mission funds can be as well invested in said community as it can any where;

Therefore, we request that you carefully and prayerfully consider the spending of the amount recommended by our local board and our missionary, J. B. Polk, on said field.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to insert in the financial table the amount of \$3.50 for ministerial education from Society Hill church.

On motion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby, tendered to the members of this church and the citizens of this community for their kind hospitality, during its present session.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes of this Association, and that he be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for money necessary to defray all expenses of the same, and that he be allowed Fifteen (\$15) Dollars for his services.

Resolved, That the Articles of Faith, Rules of Order, Objects and Powers and Rules of Decorum be printed in the minutes of this Association.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to turn over all money now in his hands to the proper persons to receive them, except the State Mission funds, which shall be retained in the hands of the Treasurer for our own territory, to be used and expended by order of our Local Board.

WHEREAS, This Association, in the adoption of reports on pastoral support and Bible giving, have taken a step far in advance of any recommendations heretofore adopted by the Association; therefore be it

Resolved, That the pastors and delegates of the Association be, and are hereby requested, to call up, have read and discussed at different times in their churches, during the coming Associational year, the various reports adopted by the Association, and especially the reports on pastoral support and Bible giving.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Holly Springs Baptist church, 14 miles northeast of Co-

lumbia, Marion county, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m. Benediction by Rev. J. E. Davis.

W. J. ARMSTRONG,

A. C. BUCKLEY,

Moderator.

Clerk.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of his sin to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.
4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.
6. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God, from a principle of love.
7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be everlasting.

On Gospel Order.

1. We believe a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another, in brotherly covenant, to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body of the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith; to submit to the ordinances of the gospel, and themselves as members to the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of this Association.

1. This Association acknowledges that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs, and therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrines, or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches, to inquire into any difficulties between churches, and remove them, if possible, to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters when solicited, and in general to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they deem it practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Associa-

tion, of every church or individual member to support them, or not support them, according to their own views of duty, and the dictates of their own conscience; and this right shall never be called in question in this Association, and any motion whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith and order.

5. Ministers of the gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person, or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they may think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and elect annually a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own by-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such manner as they may think expedient.

Rules.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled "The Pearl River Baptist Association."

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased; during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present. Said Moderator and Clerk shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association, till a new election takes place; and while in office shall discharge the duties of Moderator appertaining to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter, and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates, and no more until her number shall reach one hundred, and one delegate for every additional fifty members thereafter, until she may have four delegates and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on gospel doctrine, except it be to merely explain the meaning of the articles of faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made, in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member and shall be considered by the Association unless withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition, or motion, under debate, contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate; cast no reflections on the Association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate, the chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat to put the question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition or motion, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken, and in case of a tie the motion is lost.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over whenever it is thought necessary.

20. Minutes shall be read carefully and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to embrace the previous reading and adoption of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

23. Immediately after the organization of the Association the rules of order shall be distinctly read by order of the Moderator.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration, or amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

Memorial Page.

The church letters report 33 deaths since our last meeting. The names of only 24 will be found enrolled upon our memorial page:

Brethren B. Mixon, J. H. Allen, and Sisters Adah Bacot and Sarah Reed, members of Bethel church.

Brother Hugh Hathorn, Sisters Julia A. Fortenberry and Lucinda Magee, members of Society Hill church.

Sister Fleeda Prine, Prine Springs church.

Sister Ada Prine, Cedar Grove church.

Sisters M. P. Pittman and Elizabeth Pittman, members of Shiloh church.

Sister Susannah Bullock, New Hope church (Lawrence).

Bro. H. Pope. Sisters Nancy Bidwell, Lucy Louis, Ann Maccain and S. A. Turnage, members of New Hope church (Marion).

S. A. Brister, Pleasant Hill church.

Sisters Flora Polk, Linn Fortenberry; members of Columbia church.

Sisters Fannie Cothorn, Palestine Summers, Millie Ann Boyd and Bro. Richard Lawrence, members of Providence church.

Bro. T. P. Stovall, aged 85 years, died 22d of Dec., 1899; Bro. J. W. Manning, died July 16, 1900, aged 74 years; Bro. T. G. Holmes and Sister E. Walters, aged 44 years, members of Magee's Creek church.

Sister Lola Johnston Dale, a member of Columbia church, was born in Lawrence county, Dec. 6, 1876, united with Crooked Creek Baptist church at the age of 15 years, and from that time has lived a consecrated Christian life; was married to Elder J. T. Dale, April 11, 1897. Since that time she has been a true pastor's helper, until the Lord called her home for a better purpose, Saturday, Sept. 8, A. D. 1900.

Sisters Fannie A. Armstrong, a member of Silver Creek church, was born March 8, 1850, died August 27, 1900, and Sarah Ann Sanders, departed this life in 1899.

Roll of Delegates.

ANTIOCH—W. N. Forbes, J. J. Justice, N. B. Graham.
BLACK JACK GROVE—D. W. Brown, John Pitman, J. L. Lott.
BETHEL—J. M. Richey, A. H. McGuffee.
COLUMBIA—A. S. Applewhite, Wilman Polk.
CLEAR SPRINGS—T. D. Cox, N. S. Buckley, J. M. Polk.
CROOKED CREEK—G. W. Johnston, J. O. Buckley, C. V. Sutton,
T. J. Batten.
GOOD HOPE—A. A. Bryant, J. C. Martin, Q. J. Bryant.
HEPZIBAH—B. S. Watts, J. A. Daniel, J. W. Daniel.
HOLLY SPRINGS—J. M. Newman, G. M. Carr, C. N. Beard.
MAGEE'S CREEK—J. M. Davis, J. A. Davis, J. D. Thornhill.
NEW HOPE (MARION)—E. J. Pitman, L. W. McKenzie, C. R.
Turnage, J. J. Stringer.
NEW HOPE (LAWRENCE)—No delegates.
PLEASANT HILL—W. J. Hodges, C. M. Brister, J. S. Bowman.
PROVIDENCE—C. F. Carney, H. C. Boyd, J. F. Rowels.
PRINE SPRINGS—J. C. Ryals, M. Cooper, John C. Ryals.
PEARL VALLEY—J. M. Dunaway, John Cooper.
LITTLE RIVER—J. W. Steen, E. F. Williams, R. Moss.
SOCIETY HILL—J. B. Dale, J. M. Fortenberry, Z. T. Daughdrill,
Jas. Daughdrill, G. M. Buckley, J. L. Robertson.
SILVER CREEK—A. C. Buckley, W. D. Fortenberry, W. J. Arm-
strong.
SHILOH—G. H. Bayliss, R. H. Johnson, E. J. Williams.

This year only twelve churches report Sunday schools, giving a total of 62 officers and teachers, 613 scholars and \$52.25 collected and expended for all purposes. This leaves nine of our churches not reporting any Sunday schools. Brethren, let's wake up and give more of our time and means to this grand work, that we may bring in a better report at our next meeting.—CLERK.

Directory of Churches.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	PASTORS.
Antioch.....	W. N. Forbes	T. B. Fortenberry.
Black Jack Grove...	J. I. Lott	T. B. Fortenberry.
Bethel	W. D. Wilson	J. L. Price.
Columbia	A. S. Applewhite	J. T. Dale.
Cedar Grove.....	W. F. Williams.....	J. B. Polk.
Clear Springs ..	J. M. Polk	T. D. Cox.
Crooked Creek	W. C. Dale.....	J. P. Williams.
Good Hope.....	C. M. Jones	A. A. Bryant.
Hepzibah	J. A. Daniel	J. W. Steen.
Holly Springs.....	I. M. Newman	J. B. Polk.
Little River.....	E. F. Williams.....	J. W. Steen.
Magee's Creek	J. D. Thornhill.....	J. I. Ellzey.
New Hope (Marion) ..	L. W. McKenzie.....	.....
New Hope (Lawrence)	Daniel Glover.....	J. M. Richey.
Pleasant Hill.....	J. Q. Keizar	W. R. Johnston.
Providence	W. D. Boyd.....	W. R. Johnston.
Prine Springs	J. C. Ryals	J. T. Dale.
Pearl Valley	W. J. Mulford	J. B. Polk.
Society Hill.....	G. M. Buckley.....	J. T. Dale.
Silver Creek	W. J. Armstrong.....	J. C. Buckley.
Shiloh	G. H. Bayliss.....	C. P. Toerry.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	GAINS BY			LOSS BY			Total Membership.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Minutes.
	Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.					
Antioch.....	6	4	1				65			3	20
Bethel.....	19	2	7	5	4		108	1		2	30
Black Jack Grove.....		1	1	5			25	1		1	12
Columbia.....	9	16	1	3	4	2	115				30
Cedar Grove.....	14	3	1	2	3	1	114			1	30
Clear Springs.....		2		3			52			2	18
Crooked Creek.....	6	2	2	3	2	2	153	1		1	25
Good Hope.....	9	11	3	9	3		86	1		2	25
Hepzibah.....	4	2	2	6		1	99			1	15
Holly Springs.....	7	2	5	2	6		152			4	20
Little River.....		1		1	1		49	2		4	20
Magee's Creek.....			1		1	4	119			1	25
New Hope (Marion).....	7	1		9	5		169	1		2	30
New Hope (Lawrence).....	1		1	7	6	1	44			3	10
Pleasant Hill.....	21	15		6		1	148			1	40
Providence.....	4	8	1	7		3	211			3	30
Pearl Valley.....											
Prine Springs.....	5	1	2	10		1	97			2	20
Society Hill.....	12	4	1	4		3	297			2	50
Silver Creek.....		8			2		140	1	1	2	130
Shiloh.....	5	1		1	1	2	82			1	25
Totals.....	129	82	23	86	32	32	2305	7	2	38	525

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Mississippi College.	Minutes.	Other Objects.	Value Houses of Worship.	Other Property.	Expended on Repairs.	Paid Visiting Ministers.	General Missions.
Antioch							\$ 3 00		\$ 84 00		\$ 30 00	\$ 6 20	\$ 5 00
Bethel	\$ 100 00						3 00		500 00				20 00
Black Jack Grove			\$ 1 50				3 00					17 00	
Cedar Grove	75 00	\$ 1 35		\$ 8 51			2 00						
Clear Springs	75 00	17 05					2 50		550 00		86 00		30 15
Crooked Creek	150 00						2 50						
Good Hope	60 00	6 37					2 25		550 00		1 25	10 00	8 60
Herzibah	75 00	10 00	5 00	10 40			1 10		350 00		14 00	5 20	
New Hope (Marion)	50 00	3 00					3 50		600 00			7 00	
New Hope (Lawrence)			7 05				4 00					25 50	2 50
Pleasant Hill		10 00					3 00						
Providence													
Pearl Valley	48 00								300 00			16 02	
Prine Springs		2 50	2 50				3 00		300 00			22 75	7 67
Society Hill	150 00			42 50	\$ 3 50	\$ 3 00	7 50						
Little River	50 00	3 85		3 85			3 00					14 00	
Magee's Creek	100 00	19 10		3 75			3 00					10 00	5 35
Shiloh	40 00	4 00	2 00	2 00			2 50		400 00		25 00	55 00	
Columbia	150 00	2 25	2 25	8 40			4 50						
Silver Creek	125 00						3 00						
Holly Springs	60 00	2 25					2 00				20 00	13 00	
Totals	\$ 1,308 00	\$81 72	\$20 30	\$79 41	\$ 3 50	\$3 00	\$59 55		\$3584 00		\$176 25	\$215 27	\$79 27

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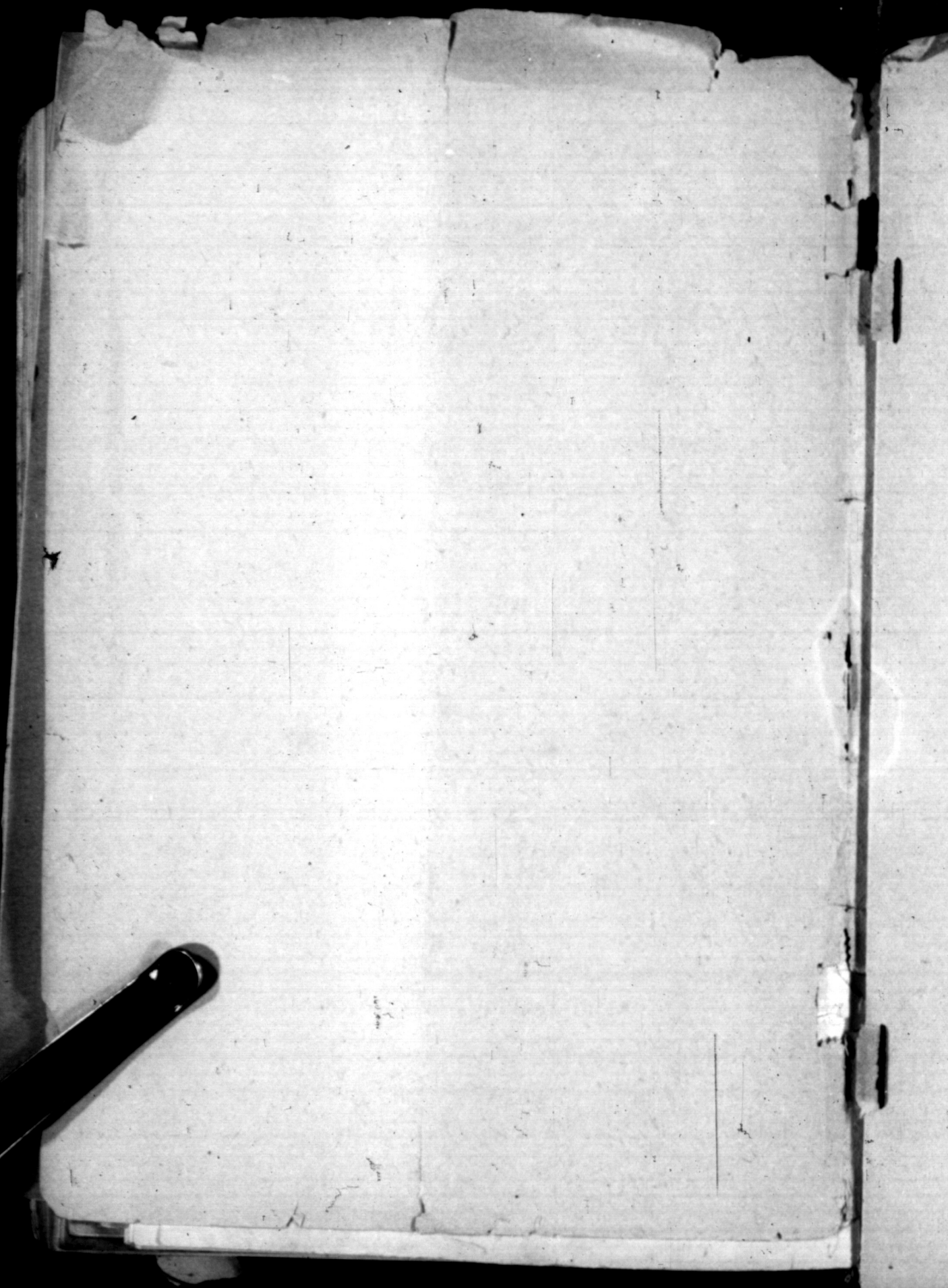
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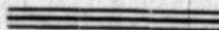
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From J. F. Sanders old widow

MINUTES OF THE
Eighty-Second Annual Session
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Pearl River Baptist Association
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MISSISSIPPI BAP. PUB. CO.,
Jackson, Miss.

Officers.

Moderator.....J. W. Steen, Columbla, Miss.
Clerk.....A. A. Beard, Darbun, Miss.
Treasurer.....W. J. Stovall, Darbun, Miss.

Order of Business.

1. Call of the body to order.
2. Appoint reading clerks.
3. Elect officers.
4. Invite visiting ministers to seats with us.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Receive correspondence.
7. Arrange correspondence.
8. Appoint committees.
9. Receive reports.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Approve minutes.
12. Adjourn.



Proceedings.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Pearl River Baptist Association met in its Eighty-Second Annual Session with the Holly Springs Baptist church, Marion County, Miss.

Rev. J. L. Price read a part of the 5th chapter of Mathew.

Prayer being offered by Rev. W. P. Price, the moderator announced the Association in order for business.

Brethren J. O. Buckley and W. L. Stringer were appointed reading clerks.

Brethren B. S. Watts and Joseph Miller were appointed a committee on finance.

The letters from various churches composing this Association were read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

The Association went into an election of officers for the ensuing year, when on motion Rev. J. W. Steen was elected moderator, A. A. Beard, secretary, and W. J. Stovall, treasurer.

A petitional letter from Cany Church, Baxterville, Miss., was read.

On motion it was received into the Association.

Motion to adjourn and listen to the preaching of the introductory sermon preached by Rev. J. W. Steen, from 17th chapter of Mathew.

Benediction by Bro. Hewit.

After one hour intermission the Association reassembled.

After singing, prayer was offered by J. E. Davis.

The moderator declared the Association in order for business.

Motion that delegates of Providence church forward the letter to the clerk and the contribution to the treasurer.

PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The moderator appointed as committee on devotional exercises, J. C. Hawthorn, B. S. Watts, E. J. Williamson, John Pittman, J. J. Jestice, and pastor of this church, Zim Robinson.

Messengers were received as follows from Boguechitto Association: Elders J. L. Price and J. W. Mathis.

The following corresponding letters were read:

Pearl Leaf Association.

Magee Creek Association.

Pearl River Colored Association.

Rev. W. P. Price was received as messenger representing THE BAPTIST.

Correspondence was arranged as follows:

Hobolochitto Association, Bro. R. Moss.

Magee Creek Association, Bro. Leon Williamson.

Pearl Leaf Association, Bro. A. A. Bryant.

Strong River Association, Rev. J. W. Steen.

Boguechitto Association, Bro. J. I. Elzey, J. E. Davis, John Cooper, and J. D. Thornhill.

Baptist State Convention, Rev. W. A. Hewit, J. W. Steen.

Motion that Rev. W. J. Steen be elected to attend the Southern Baptist Convention and Rev. W. A. Hewit, alternate.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Temperance.....	J. O. Buckley, B. S. Watts
Sunday Schools.....	Jeff Batton, W. A. Hewit
State Missions.....	Rev. J. L. Price, W. J. Armstrong
Foreign Missions.....	Leon Williamson, W. L. Stringer
Pastorial Support.....	J. E. Davis, Billy Pope
Ministerial Education.....	W. J. Stovall, W. A. Hewit
Publications.....	J. C. Hawthorn, W. P. Price
Abstracts.....	A. H. McGuffy, A. A. Bryant
Obituaries.....	J. J. Jestice, J. T. Elzey
Mississippi College.....	J. L. Price, W. P. Price
Theological Seminary.....	E. J. Pittman, Z. Richie

Motion that a committee be appointed to write a report on the Baptist Orphanage of Jackson, Miss.

Committee—W. J. Armstrong, J. E. Davis.

Committee on Apportionment—John Pittman, J. J. Jestice, R. Moss, J. E. Davis, J. C. Rayls, Eli Summer, E. L. Williamson, M. L. William, A. A. Bryant, E. J. Pittman, C. A. Boyd, L. L. Bacott, G. D. Roberson, W. N. Forbes.

Motion to go into election of place to hold the next meeting of this Association, resulting in the choice of Cedar Grove, Marion county, Miss., four miles north of Columbia.

Committee on devotional exercises made the following partial report:

W. P. Price to preach in the house at 11 o'clock in the morning and J. L. Price at the stand at the same hour.

J. J. Jestice, preach in the house in the evening, and J. E. Davis at the stand same hour.

Subject to preach from in morning, Mission: in the evening, Courage.

Motion to amend the report from saying, "I shall" to "recommend."

On Monday at 11 o'clock J. M. Richey preach at the stand and in the evening J. J. W. Mathis.

We recommend J. J. Jestice to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association, and W. A. Hewit, alternate.

We further recommend that the next introductory sermon be published in the minutes.

JOHN PITTMAN, Ch'm.

On motion the final report of N. S. Buckley, former treasurer, was received.

Motion that N. S. Buckley and B. S. Watts be granted leave of absence.

On motion the report on Finance was received and the committee discharged.

Adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed by singing and prayer.

SUNDAY SERVICES, SEPT. 8.

J. L. Price preached at the stand in the morning at 11 o'clock from John 9:35.

W. L. Price preached in the house at the same hour from Mat. 28:19, and Mall. 3:8.

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J. J. Jestice preached in the house in the evening from Gen. 10:9, and J. E. Davis same hour at the stand.

Lectures on Sunday schools by J. J. Mathis, J. W. Duncan and Jeff Batton.

After services a collection was taken up for Missions which amounted to \$19.06.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

After spending a few moments in devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. J. O. Buckley, by reading a part of the 19th Psalm, after which the moderator declared the Association in order for business.

The report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday-schools would beg to submit the following:

The Sunday-school is purported to be a church at work. In order to be this, the members must not only elect the Sunday-school officers, but put in their appearance at the recitation hour with a well learned lesson, a canvass of any community anyhow, will only show too well the depravity of its people. The churches are not putting forth enough energy in behalf of this noble work. Brethren, this is an important work. There is a grave responsibility resting upon us in the rearing of our children. Some of the schools are or seem to be in a cold condition. Where such is the case, let the brethren return zealously resolved to infuse new interest into the work. Various plans and methods have been devised from time to time for the purpose of awakening interest in the Sunday-school work, but all, more or less, meet without success, and will continue, unless the brethren go home determined to do something. This is truly an age of enlightenment. An educated and refined people demand better educated preachers, better lawyers and better doctors, and along with these better Sunday-school teachers.

We recommend that the best ablest Christians in the churches be elected as Superintendents and teachers.

Yes, brethren, you remember that your children has an immortal soul and that it is best to be careful into whose care and keeping

you place your children. For in so doing, you decide his eternal destiny either for heaven or for hell. We would recommend the use of the literature of our Southern Baptist Convention Board.

T. J. BATTON,
J. I. W. MATHIS.

Adopted.

The report on

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

It gives us great pleasure to be able to report that this historic institution is now enjoying the greatest prosperity in all her history. The enrollment of students last year was the largest ever yet made, the number being 26 in advance of any former year, or 286. It was also a prosperous year financially for the College, the tuition being sufficient to pay the Professors which has not always been the case. There has also been some splendid improvements made, a magnificent, two-story President home, which has been so long needed, has just been completed and is now being occupied. A great era of prosperity in the way of increased endowment has struck the College. An effort is now on to raise \$60,000, additional to the \$40,000 that we now have. Mr. Rockefeller through the American Baptist Educational Society, has proposed to us \$15,000, on the condition that we raise \$45,000, giving us five years to raise it in, one-third of our part has already been subscribed, and the President of the College, Dr. W. T. Lowrey, will take the field this fall to secure the balance.

We recommend that the churches co-operate with the college in the endowment.

We further recommend that we send our boys to the college to be educated.

J. L. PRICE,
W. P. PRICE,
Committee,

Adopted.

The report on

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

It is with pleasure that we report to you that the desire and effort of those who feel called of God to preach the gospel, to thoroughly educate themselves, is constantly increasing. As Baptists, we must never establish a gauge or standard of school education by which a man must be measured before he can be ordained to preach but to obey the scriptures, we must not ordain any man who is not

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able to teach others the word of God, but a part from setting up a standard, we cannot easily lay too much stress on the necessity of our young men now entering the ministry getting a thorough college education. The qualifications needed in the ministry for today, starting with a man, are first, genuine conversion, second, a deep conscious call to the ministry, third, a strong belief in the love for the work of God, fourth, thorough consecration to God and the work, fifth, the very best literary education one can possibly acquire, and sixth, good judgment and a passion for souls. Just in the proportion that these qualifications prevail in the ministry, will we fill our calling as we should. This suggests first, the importance of churches being exceedingly careful to whom they give license to preach, and in the second place, it suggests the exceeding carefulness our board of ministerial education should exercise in taking in young men as ministerial students. We cannot guard this sacred calling with too much care. The first thing the preacher needs to be, is a man, and all help given him should be such as to make him more manly, and humanly speaking, self-reliant. We note with pleasure the number of ministerial students in Mississippi College and the Seminary, and urge the brethren, and request the churches to continue their contributions to ministerial education, trusting confidently that the wisdom and care of the board of ministerial education to use the funds judiciously.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

W. J. STOVALL.

Adopted.

Discussed by Rev. J. M. Richey, W. P. Price, J. J. Jestice, J. M. Davis, W. J. Armstrong, and Tom Magee.

Before reading the report on State Missions the 44th Psalm was sung.

Report on

STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee to whom was referred the cause of State Missions, beg to voice the general sense of grateful joy of the entire brotherhood of the State, that God has so abundantly blessed the work during the past year. In many respects the most prosperous year in the history of our State Mission work. More money was given to the cause and more substantial progress made in all lines of our work perhaps than ever before in a single year. This is especially gratifying in this the first year of the new century. The reports from the field are most gratifying. One word may be taken as expressing the history of the year's work, namely: Progress through the grace and blessing of

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God. Your committee finds but little that needs to be said except to urge the churches to push on in the work in the general prosperity in things that brings great responsibility and so we urge the churches to meet the ever-growing needs of this great work submitted by the committee.

J. L. PRICE,
W. J. ARMSTRONG.

Adopted.
Report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report: Christ began the mission work at Jerusalem, and we who have enlisted under his banner should continue the work, not only until every continent and island has been reached by our missionaries, but until every soul have realized that there is but one God and only one Savior, Christianity is a religion intended for the whole world, and Christians are given the great responsibility of carrying the gospel to those who know not Christ. The heathen are in rebellion against God and the Christians are the soldiers to conquer them. The Southern Baptist Convention is posting mission on six fields — Mexico, Brazil, China, Japan, Italy and Africa. We cannot doubt but God's blessings have rested on the mission work, still there are many of our people who are not missionaries. There are new fields being opened and the problem for us to solve, is, how to enlist our people. We suggest that great stress be laid on having a collection from every member of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON WILLIAMSON,
W. L. STRINGER,
Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Secretary of

MISSIONARY.

Your missionary would submit the following report:

We have had regular service each month in the year, and in June we had a 3rd Sunday meeting. Bro. E. M. Schilling preached twice each day — Saturday and Sunday, the results as seen were seven received by experience and baptized. We also had a meeting of day, beginning the 3rd Sunday in August. Bro. T. L. Posey did the preaching. Results, seven by baptism, three by letter. We have re-

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ceived in all this year by letter 3, by baptism 17, (8 standing over. Others will likely join by letter soon. The new house we have completed except ceiling above the windows and the overhead and making about half the seats. We have enough material to complete the house or nearly so. We hope to complete the house and finish it with a good stove before winter. The future is promising and bright. We expect great blessings from God, as we have already received. We believe the church will be strong and active in a few years. The brethren think they will need some help next year, we are sure that a few more dollars invested, in the work will be well spent in the good cause. Help us one more year brethren, and then we hope to begin paying back some we have received.

J. W. STEEN,
Missionary.

Discussed by Leon Williamson, Billy Pope, P. B. Bass, J. C. Hathorn, J. L. Price, L. T. Posey.

Adopted.

Report on

ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your committee on Pastoral support submit the following: The gospel is of divine origin, hence it is divine, it is God's power manifest in the world to save the world and is so ordained of God. God calls, qualifies in heart and sends forth men of like passion with other men to preach the gospel God has ordained that they should preach, the gospel shall live of the gospel, he has also made it obligatory upon the part of the benefactors to support those whose duty it is to preach the gospel.

The church, whose pastor must labor for a support, is not obeying that divine command? The pastor, who does his whole duty, must be continually in the study of God's word in order to be of the most benefit in his service and to the church in feeding the flock of God, over which the Holy Ghost hath made him overseer. We believe that our pastors should teach their churches along this line as on other Christian duties. There has been improvement along this line but much more might be done, for the laborer is worthy of his hire.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. DAVIS,
W. W. POPE,
Committee.

Discussed by J. E. Davis, J. J. Jestice, W. P. Price, L. T. Posey, W. J. Armstrong, J. C. Hawthorn, J. O. Buckley, J. M. Richey, John Wilkinson.

Adopted.

Motion to adjourn for one hour. Carried.

The Association reassembled. After a song, and prayer by Bro. L. T. Posey, the moderator declared the Association in order for business.

Report on

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance would submit the following: We believe the liquor traffic is the greatest evil in our land and therefore we should engage our most earnest endeavor to stamp it out of the country, and the way to do this is a question that has never been fully settled. There has been millions of dollars spent in trying to drive this evil from our midst, and there has been volumes written by the ablest men devising means of driving out whiskey. Fathers and mothers, old and decrepid have spent many hours in the subjection to God for the wayward boy that is lost in the bitter galls of drunken debauchery, yea they have stood by the open grave of their only boys with hearts broken that might have spent their last moments in sweet repose had this bitter cup never been lifted to their lips and yet this liquor evil is still in our midst in a demon like form, we see the demon making his way into every class of people and thereby causing men to profane God's name who gave them a tongue of utterance and doing everything they can to cast a gloom on the cause of our blessed Master who so loved us as to give himself to die. Notwithstanding all the blessing of God, drunkenness prevails in this civilized land of ours, if there is an evil plunging men into hell it is that of strong drink on all ages of the world. The effective power of liquor has been felt, fond hopes have been blighted by the curse, earnest resolutions broken, human lives wrecked and immortal souls cast into everlasting woe and misery. Today we ask our enlightened Christian land should we not be holding forth the banner of prohibition to our fellow man as a guide to higher and nobler things, and we, as individuals, should hold out to the rising multitudes of young men a character of soberness, for wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. BUCKLEY,
Chairman.

Discussed by J. O. Buckley, J. M. Richey, W. J. Armstrong, L. T. Posey and J. J. Jestice.

Adopted.

PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Report on

PUBLICATIONS.

To the Pearl River Baptist Association :

We your Committee on Publications, ask leave to submit the following report :

We believe that every one should be educated up to his cause and calling and in order to reach the higher attitude in our calling that we should come in close touch with each other through the fraternal press of our respected order. We know of many Baptist publications which we could safely recommend to the brotherhood, but in order that we may learn and know more of our own home work, we would cheerfully recommend to the Mississippi brotherhood, the adoption and reading of our State Organ, *THE BAPTIST*, with due regard at all times to and for the New Testament teachings. Following the suggestion of the Report on Publications at the late State Convention. We recommend that the 2nd Sunday in December or some other convenient day, be observed as the Baptist day on which a special effort shall be made to increase the circulation of our gospel.

J. C. HATHORN, Chairman.

Discussed by J. C. Hathorn, J. W. Steen, Joe Daughdrill, W. P. Price.

Adopted.

Report on

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on obituaries, beg leave to report the following names who have been gathered home to their Father: Archie Sprights, E. L. Williamson—age 76 years, Prime Springs; David Ward—age 90, Hiltzibah; M. E. Hitt—age 45, Good Hope. Eva-Eveline Cox, Amanda Pope, Mary Willoughly, Cedar Grove; Asker Buckley, Byssel Stephens, Crooked Creek; Susanna Neal, New Hope, Lawrence; Lizzie Smith, Antioch; Marion Jolly, Mrs. R. O. Byrnes, S. L. Rogers, Silver Creek, Margaret Graham, Elnore Smith, Holly Springs.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. JESTICE,
Chairman.

Adopted.

ABSTRACTS.

- We, your committee on Abstracts make the following report:
- Antioch—Regular services on third Sunday and Saturday before in each month. T. B. Fortinberry, pastor.
- Bethel—Services on second Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. L. Price, pastor.
- Black Jack Grove—Services first Sunday and Saturday before in each month.
- New Hope, Marion—Second Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. W. Steen, pastor.
- Prime Springs—Third Sunday and Saturday before in each month. L. T. Posey, pastor.
- Cedar Grove—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in each month. W. A. Hewitt, pastor.
- Good Hope—2d Sunday and Saturday before in each month. A. A. Bryant, pastor.
- Hepzibah—Time of meeting blank. J. W. Steen, pastor.
- Clear Springs—2d Sunday and Saturday before in each month. T. D. Cox, pastor.
- Society Hill—Blank. L. T. Posey, pastor.
- Silver Creek—2d Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. P. Williams, pastor.
- Holly Springs—Blank. J. J. Jestice, pastor.
- Pleasant Hill—1st Sunday and Saturday before in each month. W. R. Johnson, pastor.
- Shiloh—1st Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. J. Jestice, pastor.
- Pearl Valley—3d Sunday in each month. J. W. Steen, pastor.
- Magee's Creek—1st Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. L. Price pastor.
- Little River—4th Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. W. Steen, pastor.
- Cany—Organized last May. Reports a large growth.
- Crooked Creek—1st Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. P. Williams, pastor.

A. A. BRYANT, Ch'm.

Adopted.

PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Report on

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We, your committee on Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, would beg leave to submit the following:

This institution is located at Jackson, Miss., was incorporated in 1894, and has a board of trustees consisting of some of the ablest men of our State, most of whom are Baptist. Bro. L. S. Foster is President of the board, also Superintendent, and Sister Foster, his wife, is Governess. They have adopted by-laws which are printed in their catalogue of 1900. The institution has property. They have erected a new building this year at cost of \$100,000, which has been paid by brethren and sisters of the State, about \$6,000.00 of which was paid at the Baptist State Convention by cash, and subscription of this institution.

1st. That as far as possible, a home shall be given to every destitute white orphan in Mississippi who may apply, whatever may have been the religious faith of the parents, whether Baptist or Methodist, Presbyterian, Disciple, Episcopalian, Catholic, Jew or infidel, and that everything be managed strictly upon business principles and every dollar appropriated according to the wishes of the giver. There has been received since the founding of this institution into their care, and keeping 96 orphan children, ages ranging from two to 18 years and one above 14, being a deaf mute. Four have died and forty-five have gone out leaving fifty-one still in the Orphanage. They have a literary school where they are taught. The Orphanage was opened in Jackson on May 12, 1897, in a rented house which was soon filled to its utmost capacity and many wanted to come who could not be received for lack of room.

The institution has no endowment nor none invested as an endowment to yield an income for expenses. Consequently, the work is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions and directly dependent upon God for all supplies of every kind in this institution. The children are taught to work as every parent should teach their children. We would therefore recommend that the churches take up this matter and raise contributions to assist in carrying on this grand and noble work which they can do. Money or clothing or something to eat should be sent to Bro. L. S. Foster, Jackson, Miss. We further recommend that every family who are members of this Association, take and read the Orphan's Gem, published at the Orphanage, by Bro. L. S. Foster.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. DAVIS,
W. J. ARMSTRONG,
Committee.

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Discussed by W. P. Price and Tom Magee.

Adopted.

Report of

LOCAL BOARD.

To the Pearl River Association when convened with Holly Springs Church, Sept. 7th, 1901 :

We, your local mission board, beg leave to report that we have employed Elder J. W. Steen to labor as missionary in the Pearl Valley neighborhood, one-fourth of his time for which he was to receive seventy-five dollars from the Association and the privilege of supplementing his salary from this field, he has been paid for first quarter and eight dollars on second, balance remaining unpaid. We also authorized him to draw on Associational Treasurer to the amount of fifty dollars to help in building Pearl Valley Church house. This amount has been paid in full. For further information we refer you to Missionary Steen.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. DAUGHDRILL, Chairman.

JOHN B. DALE, Secretary.

Adopted.

Report on

APPORTIONMENT.

Beg leave to make the following report :

Antioch	\$ 7 00
Black Jack Grove.....	5 00
Columbia.....	10 00
Caney	5 00
Cedar Grove.....	10 00
Good Hope.....	5 00
Holly Springs.....	
Little River.....	7 50
Providence.....	15 00
Magee Creek.....	
New Hope.....	10 00
Prime Springs.....	
Pearl Valley.....	5 00
Shiloh.....	10 00

ELDER A. A. BRYANT,

Chairman.

Adopted.

PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

We, your committee on Devotional Exercises beg leave to submit the following: That W. P. Price preach Sunday, at 11 o'clock in the house and J. E. Price at the stand same hour, and J. J. Jestice in the house in the evening and J. E. Davis at the stand at same hour.

The subject to preach from in the morning be "Mission" and in the evening, "Courage." On Monday, at 11 o'clock, J. M. Richey preach, at the stand in the evening, J. J. W. Mathis. We also recommond J. J. Jestice to preach the Introductory sermon at next meeting of the Association, and W. J. Hewit alternate. We further suggest that the next Introductory sermon be published in the minutes.

JOHN PITTMAN,
Chairman.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We, your committee, would make the following report:

We believe the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., is just what it claims to be, and that is the best place for ministers, who desire a Theological school. We recommend it as such.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. RICHEY,
E. J. PITTMAN,
Committee.

FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance ask leave to report the following:

We have carefully examined the Treusurer's accounts and find them correct, amply sustained by cash and vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. WATTS,
JOSIAH MILLER,
Committee.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. S. Buckley, former treasurer of Pearl River Association makes his report as follows:

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To amount on hand last report.....\$ 233 60

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By am't paid A. C. Buckley for printing and distributing minutes of said Association..... \$ 59 75
 For Pearl Valley Church..... 50 00
 A. V. Rowe, general missions..... 37 85
 Foreign missions..... 43 57
 Home missions..... 22 80
 J. W. Steen, State missions..... 45 60

Total.....\$ 259 57 \$ 233 60

N. S. BUCKLEY, former Treas.

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES.

Black Jack Grove.....John Rittman, J. R. Barnett
 Bethel.....J. M. Richey, A. H. McGuffy, Josiah Miller
 Clear Springs.....T. D. Cox, N. J. Buckley, J. C. Polk
 Crooked Creek.....
J. H. Johnson, J. O. Buckley, Jeff Batton, Nat Culpepper
 Hepzibah.....B. S. Watts, John Heights
 Holly prings.....J. J. Justice, A. A. Beard, J. M. Newman
 Little River.....Richard Moss, A. J. Ward
 Magees Creek.....J. M. Davis, J. D. Thornhill, J. J. Elzey
 New Hope, L.....J. J. Calt, Daniel Glover
 Prime Springs.....Martin Cooper, John Rials, L. C. Williamson
 Pearl Valley.....J. M. Dunaway, Eli Summer
 Society Hill.....L. T. Posey, J. C. Hathorn, C. D. Williamson
 Silver Creek.....W. J.
 Armstrong, W. L. Stringer, Estus Fortenberry, A. C. Buckley
 Shilo.....E. L. Williamson, G. H. Boyles, Albert Johnson
 Cedar Grove.....Geo. Roberson, J. Holmes, Thomas Fortenberry
 Caney.....J. A. Saccler, M. L. Williamson, J. E. Reynold

Good Hope.....	A. A. Bryant, Jim Hill
New Hope, M.....	E. J. Pittman, W. W. Magee
Pleasant Hill.....	E. A. Boyd, N. C. A. Boyd
Antioch	W. N. Forbes, E. J. Pool
Providence.....	L. L. Bacott, G. M. Guy

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES.

	Clerks.	Pastors.
Black Jack Grove.....	J. R. Barnett.....	J. W. Duncan.
Bethel	W. D. Wilson.....	J. L. Price.
Clear Springs.....	N. S. Buckley.....	T. D. Cox.
Crooked Creek.....	W. C. Dale.....	J. P. Williams.
Hepzibah.....	J. A. Daniel.....	J. W. Steen.
Holly Springs.....	A. A. Beard.....	J. J. Jestice.
Little River.....	E. F. Williams.....	J. W. Steen.
Magee Creek.....	J. D. Thornhill.....	J. T. Magee.
New Hope, L.....	Daniel Glover.....	W. B. Yates.
Prime Springs.....	J. C. Ryals.....	L. D. Posey.
Pearl Vally.....	W. J. Mulford.....	J. W. Steen.
Society Hill.....	G. M. Buckley.....	L. D. Posey.
Silver Creek	W. J. Armstrong.....	J. P. Williams.
Shilo.....	E. L. Williamson.....	J. J. Jestice.
Cedar Grove	Warren Willoughby.....	W. A. Hewitt.
Cany	S. A. Johnson.....	J. J. Jestice.
Good Hope	James W. Hill.....	A. A. Bryant.
New Hope, M.....	L. W. McKinzey	J. W. Steen.
Pleasant Hill.....	J. Q. Kizer.....	W. R. Johnson.
Antioch	W. N. Forbes.....	T. B. Fortenberry.
Providence	W. D. Boyd.....	W. R. Johnson.

The following churches asked for letters of dismission from this Association:

Society Hill, New Hope, Lawrence, Pleasant Hill, Clear Springs, Bethel, Hilzibah, Silver Creek, Crooked Creek.

Granted.

On motion the Resolutions of thanks to this association was adopted.

On motion the missionary was allowed to draw on the Treasurer for the balance of this year, 1901, the sum of \$48.25.

On motion the clerk was allowed to draw on the Treasurer for money enough defray all expenses of printing and distributing minutes, and the clerk be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

On motion the Association appointed as committee on Local Mission Board as follows:

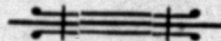
John Pittman, J. C. Ryals, E. J. Pittman, G. M. Carr, committee, and W. J. Stovall, treasurer of the Association.

Resolved, that the Treasurer be authorized to turn over all General mission fund money now in his hands to the proper person to receive them, except the State mission fund, which shall be retained in the hands of the Treasurer for our own territory to be used and expended by order of our Local Board.

On motion they were amended to hold our next Association, commencing on Friday, at 10 o'clock, with Cedar Grove Church, Marion County, four miles north of Columbia, on Friday before the second Lord's Day in September, 1902.

J. W. STEEN, Moderator.

A. A. BEARD, Clerk.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	GAINED.			LOSS.			Total Membership.	Ordained Ministers	Licentiat's.....	Time of Meeting.	No. of Minutes....
	Baptism.....	Letter.....	Restoration..	Letter.....	Expulsion...	Death.....					
Black Jack Grove.....	1	3	1	13	..	..	21	..	..	..	10
Bethel.....	12	..	1	6	..	1	98	1	..	..	20
Clear Springs.....	1	..	..	13	..	..	37	1	..	..	12
Crooked Creek.....	29	14	5	6	1	3	197	..	..	..	20
Hepzibah.....	29	..	4	2	1	1	120	..	..	..	15
Holly Springs.....	33	5	4	..	5	2	186	..	..	..	12
Little River.....	2	..	..	1	..	..	46	..	..	..	15
Magee Creek.....	12	3	1	5	..	2	120	..	1	..	25
New Hope L.....	6	1	..	3	6	1	37	..	..	..	7
Prime Springs.....	2	2	..	6	..	2	94	..	..	..	21
Pearl Valley.....	9	3	..	..	..	..	31	..	..	..	10
Society Hill.....	11	7	1	7	2	2	268	1	..	..	..
Silver Creek.....	21	2	6	4	..	3	166	2	..	..	35
Shiloh.....	45	4	2	5	5	..	83	..	..	..	8
Cedar Grove.....	14	2	2	5	1	3	129	..	..	..	30
Caney.....	31	16	2	..	..	..	62	..	..	..	6
Good Hope.....	10	3	1	5	3	1	93	1	..	..	12
New Hope, M.....	20	..	..	1	1	..	187	..	..	..	23
Pleasant Hill.....	13	7	3	1	4	1	175	..	..	..	50
Antioch.....	9	2	..	3	..	1	81	20
Providence.....	..	3	1	4	225	20
Total.....	253	77	34	90	29	25	2456	6	3	..	371

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Churches.

Churches.	Pastors' salary.....	Foreign Missions.....	Home Missions.....	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Mississippi College.	Minutes.....	Other Objects.....	Value Houses of Worship.....	Other Property.....	Expended on Repairs.	Paid Visiting Ministers.	General Mission.....	Orphanage.....
Black Jack Grove	\$ 100 00	\$13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	\$ 500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clear Springs.	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crooked Creek...	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 25	.....	550 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hepzibah.....	100 00	26 30	\$10 00	5 75	.....	.....	2 25	\$ 26 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holly Springs.....	100 00	2 00	17 15	.....	.....	.....	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little River.....	50 00	3 50	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Magee Creek.....	114 00	10 35	5 50	10 00	.....	\$ 4 25	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 6 00
New Hope L.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	25 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Prime Springs.....	75 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 10	5 00	300 00	\$ 10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pearl Valley.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 25	.....	300 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Society Hill.....	150 00	15 00	14 15	5 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silver Creek.....	130 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 00	300 00	160 00	.....	\$13 00	.....	.....
Shiloh.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	14 75	700 00	25 00	700 00	.....	.....	.....
Cedar Grove.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	400 00	34 95	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carey.....	84 00	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Good Hope.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope M.....	75 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 80	6 75	250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	.....	4 15	4 15	4 10	.....	.....	3 50	.....	600 00	.....	160 61	.....	.....	.....
Antioch.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	7 50	.....	.....
Providence.....	102 75	3 50	3 50	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 30	.....	.....
Total.....	\$1390 75	\$95 80	\$61 95	\$45 85	\$ 4 25	\$47 30	\$ 117 35	\$5300 00	\$ 229 90	\$ 877 36	\$25 80	\$86 60	\$ 7 00

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*J. W. Steen,
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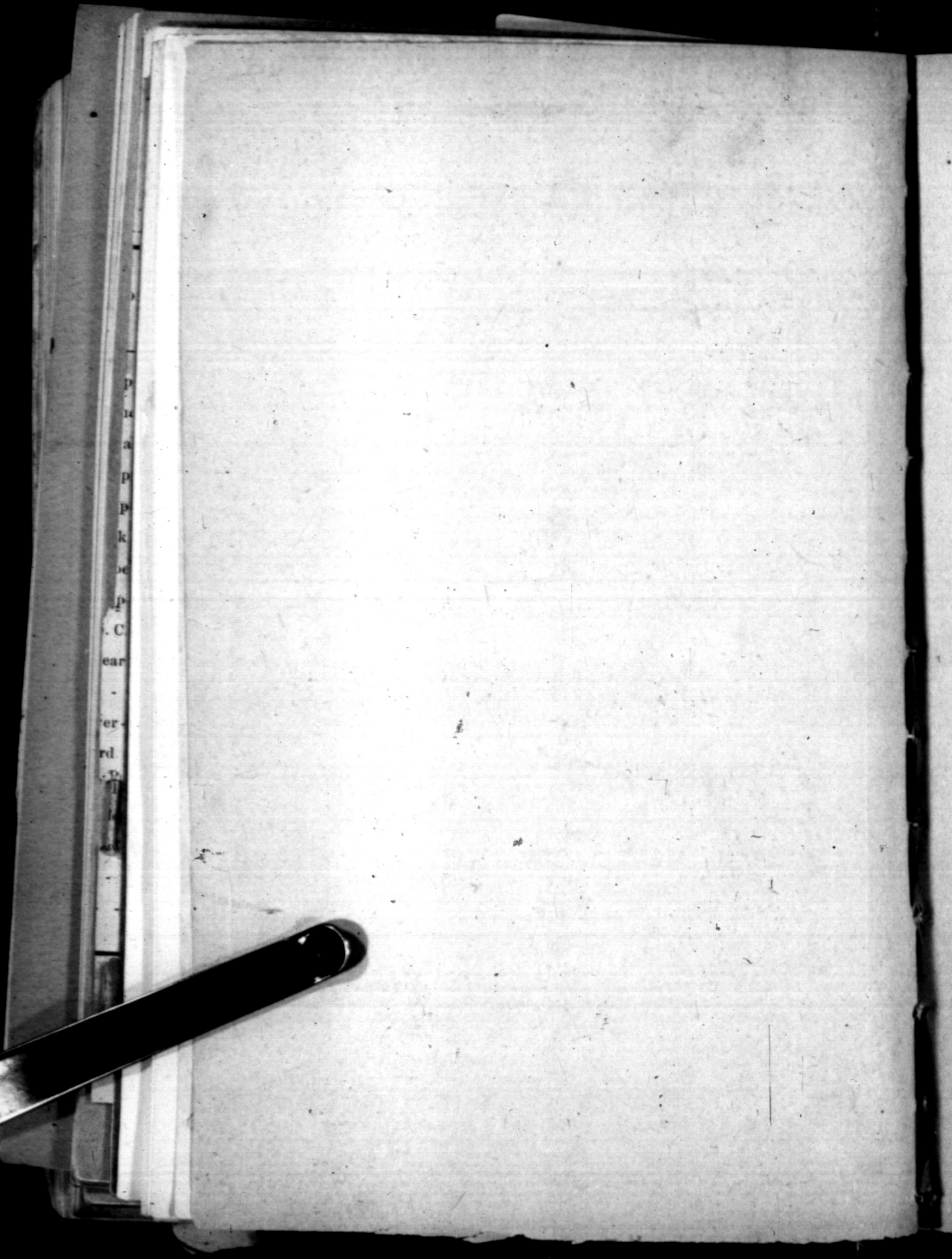
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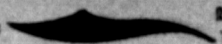
PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH,

SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1902.



Minutes of the 

Eighty-Third Annual Session

 OF THE

Pearl River Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Cedar Grove Baptist Church

September 12-14, 1902.

Next Meeting.

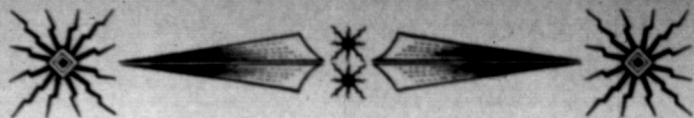
PLACE—Bismark, Lawrence Co., 14 miles south of Monticello.

TIME—Saturday before the 2d Lords day in Sept., 1903.

PREACHER—Rev. W. A. Hewit.

ALTERNATE—Rev. J. J. Jestice.

Rooms of The Baptist,
* M. L. LOTT, *
BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
Jackson, Miss.



Officers.

MODERATOR.....W. A. Hewit, Columbia, Miss.
CLERK.....A. A. Beard, Columbia, Miss.
TREASURER.....W. J. Stovall, Columbia, Miss.

Order of Business.

1. Calling the Association to order.
2. Appoint reading Clerks.
3. Election of officers.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
5. Call for petitionary Letters.
6. Receive correspondence.
7. Arrange correspondence.
8. Appoint committees.
9. Receive reports.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Approve minutes.
12. Adjourn.



Proceedings.

The Pearl River Baptist Association met in its eighty-third annual session with Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Marion county, Miss. Bro. Z. T. Draughdille read 17th chapter of St. John. Prayer was offered by Bro. Estes Bass. Prayer was again offered by Bro. Bryant; closing prayer offered by Rev. W. A. Hewit.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business, and Bro. R. Moss and Bro. E. T. Watts were appointed reading clerks.

The letters from various churches were called for, read, and delegates names enrolled.

Bro. John Pittman and A. L. Smith were appointed committee on Finance.

Motion to go into an election for officers for the next ensuing year.

Motion to elect Bro. W. A. Hewit for Moderator for the next ensuing year.

Motion to elect Bro. A. A. Beard for Clerk and carried.

Motion to elect Treasurer; W. J. Stovall was selected.

Call for visiting ministers to seats with us; Bro. Estes Bass and L. T. Posey were with us.

Call for messengers; Jack Fortenberry, J. W. Pigett were present from Magee Creek Association.

Petitional letter from Oloh Baptist Church was presented and read.

On motion it was adopted and delegates received in this Association.

On motion the Magee Creek delegates were invited to seats and instructed to send their letter to the clerk, as they did not have it with them.

Return Messengers: Lawrence County Association, J. S. Newman.

Magee's Creek: L. C. Williamson, J. A. Davis.

Pearl Leaf: John Watts, E. I. Watts.

Baptist State Convention: Bro. J. W. Steen, W. A. Hewit.

Southern Baptist Convention: W. A. Hewit.

Motion to adjourn for one hour. Dismissed by L. D. Posey.

After one hour intermission the Association reassembled in the house. After singing prayer was offered by Bro. T. D. Cox, and again by J. W. Steen. The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

Appointment of Committees.

Devotional Exercises—Geo. Robinson, Z. T. Draughdrill, J. D. Holmes.

Temperance—L. D. Posey, J. T. Graham, S. A. Jones.

Sunday Schools—C. E. Bass, E. I. Watts, W. N. Forbes.

State Missions—J. W. Steen, Jno. Watts, Fleet Fortinberry.

Foreign Missions—C. E. Bass, R. Moss, Leon Williamson, Z. T. Daughdrill.

Pastoral Support—W. J. Stovall, E. J. Pittman, J. S. Newman.

Ministerial Education—J. W. Steen, M. E. Polk, J. F. M. Rowell.

Publication—L. D. Posey, Lyman Smith, Jno. Pittman.

Abstracts—A. A. Bryant, E. J. Pittman.

Obituaries—J. M. Turnage, J. C. Ryals.

Mississippi College—T. D. Cox, L. W. Williamson, J. C. Ryals.

Theological Seminary—C. E. Bass, J. M. Dunaway.

Orphanage—J. W. Steen, C. Applewhite.

Report on Foreign Missions was read. Discussed by C. E. Bass, T. D. Cox, Z. T. Daughdrill and W. A. Hewit.

On motion the report was adopted.

The report on Ministerial Education was read. Discussed by J. W. Steen, Z. T. Daughdrill, T. D. Cox.

On motion the report was adopted.
On motion 2 o'clock was set for the report on State Missions, Saturday, September 13.

Abstracts—A. A. Bryant and E. J. Pittman, committee.
Apportionment—J. W. Steen, J. C. Ryals, D. W. Dunaway, J. D. Wallace, Jno. Pittman, E. L. Summer, A. H. Powell, Joshua Johnson, D. M. Prime, J. T. Graham, R. Moss, Lyman Smith, Silas Bagget, J. A. Davis, G. B. Cooper.

Report on Nominations—E. J. Pittman, J. T. Graham, E. I. Watts, committee.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Benediction by C. E. Bass.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

After singing Bro. E. I. Watts conducted devotional exercises by reading 1st Corinthians 13. Prayer by Bro. Z. T. Daughdrill.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

Report on Pastoral Support was read. Discussed by Brethren J. S. Newman, J. F. M. Rowell, J. W. Steen, M. Polk, Z. T. Daughdrill, J. C. Ryals, J. A. Graham, Silas Bagget, W. A. Hewit, L. D. Posey.

On motion the report was adopted.

A song was sung, after which the report on Temperance was read. Discussed by Brethren L. D. Posey, S. A. Jones, T. D. Cox, J. W. Steen, Z. T. Daughdrill.

On motion the report was adopted.

The report on Theological Seminary was read. Discussed by Brethren C. E. Bass, T. D. Cox, J. W. Steen, L. D. Posey.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned for one hour. A song was sung. Benediction by L. D. Posy.

After one hours intermission the Association reassembled. A song was sung. Prayer by T. D. Cox.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

The report on Finance was read, and on motion was adopted.

The report on Nominations was read. Discussed by J. A. Graham, J. W. Steen.

On motion it was ordered to strike out the word Antioch and insert Bismark.

On motion the report was adopted and the next meeting of the Association be held with Mismark, Lawrence County, Miss., fourteen miles south of Monticello.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted, the clerk being authorized to insert the two names omitted.

On motion the special order for report on State Missions Sep. 13, at 2 o'clock was suspended.

The report on Mississippi College was read. Discussed by T. D. Cox, L. D. Posey.

On motion the report was adopted.

A song was sung.

The report on State Missions was read. Discussed by J. W. Steen, A. V. Rowe.

On motion the report was adopted.

The report on Publications was read. Discussed L. D. Posy, A. V. Rowe.

On motion the report was adopted.

The report on Devotional Exercises was read and on motion was adopted.

Bro. A. V. Rowe preach in the house at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

The report on Apportionment was read and on motion adopted.

The report on Abstracts was read and on motion adopted.

On motion 10 o'clock tomorrow was made the special hour to hear the report on Sunday Schools.

On motion the local Board was requested to co-operate with the State Board and retain the local Board.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion a letter of dismissal was granted Good Hope Church.

On motion the Association adjourned for the day. A song was sung. Benediction by A. V. Rowe.

Executive Committee State Board—Jno. Pittman, Silas Bagget, W. T. Willoughby, W. J. Stovall, John Watts, W. A. Hewit.

THIRD DAY—SUNDAY, SEPT. 14.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Songs were sung. Bro. W. A. Hewit read from the 12th chapter of of Romans. Prayer was offered by L. D. Posey.

The report on Sunday Schools was read. Discussed by C. E. Bass, L. D. Posey.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Association was dismissed by J. W. Steen for ten minutes.

The Association reassembled. After singing Bro. A. V. Rowe read the 10th and a part of the 11th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Prayer by Bro. A. V. Rowe, who also preached from Acts 10:2-3.

Bro. L. D. Posey preached in the school house at the same hour.

A collection for missions was taken amounting to \$13.00. The collection was paid to Bro. A. V. Rowe.

An intermission of one hour was taken. Benediction by Bro. A. V. Rowe.

The Association reassembled and after devotional exercises conducted by T. D. Cox the Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

On motion W. A. Hewit was added to the State Board.

The report on Orphanage was read. Discussed by J. W. Steen, A. V. Rowe, and on motion adopted.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$8.30.

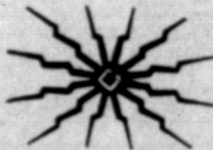
On motion the clerk was allowed his usual fee and ordered to turn over remaining balance, after paying for publishing and distributing minutes, to the treasurer.

On motion the thanks of this church were extended to the Association for having convened with it.

On motion the minutes were left for correction by the officers.

On motion the Association adjourned until Saturday before the second Lords day in September, 1903, to meet with Bismark Baptist Church, 14 miles south of Monticello, Miss.

After singing Bro. A. V. Rowe pronounced the benediction.



Foreign Missions.

We, your committee, submit the following report:

Our Lord Jesus Christ certainly intended his Gospel for the whole world; for "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life." Just before he ascended unto his disciples with the idea of the world's evangelization. "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The world is the field. The Bible does not divide the subject of missions into home, state, and foreign, but the Apostles preached in these different fields, having in mind the idea that the field is the world. By foreign missions we mean work for God in other lands than our own. The S. B. C. does mission work in China, India, Japan, Africa, South America, and Mexico. The results for the past year have been wonderfully encouraging. God bless our efforts, and we recommend that this Association put forth greater efforts for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom in foreign lands.

C. E. BASS,
R. MOSS,
LEON WILLIAMSON,
Z. T. DAUGHRILL,
Committee.

State Missions.

Your committee on State Missions makes the following report:

There is a growing tendency among the churches of this and adjoining Associations to contribute to foreign missions to the neglect of home and state missions. Foreign missions are very important, state missions are very important, and so are home missions. During last conventional year there were \$10,196.18 paid to the missionaries in the field by our State Board, as an evidence of the good it has done. We have received into the churches by experience, by letter, and restoration, 1,883 members, or one for about every \$5.39 contributed.

The work that has been accomplished is very great, and there is need of yet greater work. Our State Convention instructed the Board to bring out its work on a basis of \$15,000. If each church would do what it can, this and a great deal more could be done. Your committee recommends that this Association co-operate with the State Board and ask the Board for what assistance is needed in our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEEN,
F. M. FORTEBERRY.

Temperance.

Having been appointed to prepare a report on Temperance, we submit the following:

The word temperance as accepted among us now has reference to the use of intoxicating drinks for beverage purposes. Temperance in a strict sense means a moderate use of things not hurtful, but since all drinks containing alcohol are hurtful to the human system when in a normal condition, there can be no such thing as a moderate use of them. Some of the most deadly poisons are helpful to the human system when in an abnormal condition, hence their use by physicians; but who would think of taking a little strychnine occasionally just to produce a strange feeling? Alcohol is not so quick in its destruction of the vital cells of the body as strychnine, but none the less sure. Then how foolish the use of it, except strictly as a medicine!

But let us take another view of it. To lie or to steal is a sin, but shall we say it is no harm to do either provided we are temperate in the same? Surely not. Experience teaches that the use of alcoholic drinks dethrones reason, weakens will power, kills virtue, destroys the body, and damns the soul. It is therefore a sin. Can there be any temperate use of it? No, a thousand times no. It is argued that to eliminate alcoholic liquors from the channels of commerce and thereby deprive the United States of the revenue accruing therefrom, would bankrupt the government. This is not true, as can readily be seen by a common sense view of facts. Three-fourths of all the crimes in this country are produced by the use of liquors. Consequently, three-fourths of the taxes of our country are given to sustain our courts, which is more than the government gets in the way of revenue. Then do away with whiskey and let us support the government by direct taxation. Morally and socially, the use of whiskey is the greatest sin of the present age, and all Christians should labor for its suppression. How may it be suppressed? By righteous laws rigidly enforced against it. This can be accomplished only by electing righteous men to enact and execute our laws. Then upon the exercise of the right of suffrage by the Christian people of our country, rests the settlement of the temperance question.

Respectfully,

L. D. POSEY.

Orphanage.

We, your committee on Orphanage, would submit the following:
There is nothing that appeals to our sympathies like the piteous cries of the orphan, nor is there anything that will open our purses

as an appeal in their behalf. A home for orphan children is a great thing, and such a home the Baptists of Mississippi have located at Jackson, under the management of Bro. L. S. Foster and wife. The new building of the home is finished, but not entirely furnished, on account of a lack of means. It is filled with children as far as it is furnished. There are now about sixty-five children in the home. There are others applying who have to be turned away on account of the rooms not being furnished. The children in the home are as well provided for as funds will allow, but in no case extravagantly. They also have good school advantages, both day school and Sunday school, and also splendid church advantages. Generally they are bright Bible students, and a number have already become Christians. Your committee would recommend that a contribution for this purpose be made during this session of the Association.

Respectfully,

J. W. STEEN, Chairman.

Pastoral Support.

We, the committee on pastoral support, submit the following report:

We believe that there is more neglect on this line than any other church work. We believe that each and every member of the church should contribute something to their pastor, and by so doing this, if we do it with a willing heart, we do believe that you will be greatly rewarded in heaven. We believe that the more we pay and the more we trust in the hands of the Lord, the more He will make us able to do. We very often treat our pastors wrongly by not supporting them as we should. We should try every means possible to increase our pastor's support. We believe that when a member contributes all he can that he has lost nothing, but will be repaid by the Lord an hundred fold. So, let us all use our best efforts to do all we can for our pastoral support; to increase it and contribute to the very best of our ability. Our pastors don't only need our temporal help, but also the spiritual and social help of the churches. So let us enter this work as never before, and do more and show to the world that we are not afraid to trust what we have in the hands of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. NEWMAN.

Obituaries.

We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report the following:

Six of our members have been gathered home to their Father, to-

wit: H. R. Mulford, of Holly Springs; J. J. Stringer, of New Hope; John Applewhite, of Columbia; Charley Holmes, of Antioch; and two from Cany church, names not given. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labor, and their works do follow them."

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. RYALS, Chairman.

Publication.

The human body receives strength from that by which it is fed. If the food is wholesome and strong, ordinarily the body will be strong; otherwise, it will be weak. Likewise, the mind is influenced by the matter upon which it feasts. If the mind is engaged with things gathered by reading pure literature or listening to noble speech it will be strengthened and thereby enable the will power to act righteously. This being true and it being the purpose of the Christian religion to lift fallen mankind into higher life and fashion them after Christ all for the glory of God; it behooves us to read Christian literature. Of course, the Bible is first with every Christian, but observation teaches us that those who read the Bible most also desire to read good books and papers. Then vice versa, those who read religious papers most are the closest students of the Bible. We find that those who refuse or neglect to read The Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Orphanage Gem, our Sunday School literature, and young people's periodicals, are the hardest to reach in our church work. We therefore earnestly recommend that each home have one or more of these publications. The price puts them within reach of almost every one, and if churches have in their membership those who are really too poor to pay for the paper, it would be a fine work for the churches to have these periodicals furnished gratis to such families.

A careful reading of our religious literature brings us in close touch with the Lord's work and with each other, and as union is a great source of strength, we need to avail ourselves of this easy means of growth.

Respectfully,

L. D. POSEY, Chairman.

Theological Seminary.

We, your committee on Theological Seminary, submit the following:

The Seminary is an institution of sacred learning, established for the training of men who expect to preach the Gospel. It is a special

school for the preachers. The necessity of the special training of God called men for the ministry is evident. God's Word suggests it and the times demand it. The prophets are spoken of as being in companies in Old Testament times, the purpose of which must have been special training. When Saul was pursuing David he heard that David was at Naivth and sent messengers to take him. The messengers saw the company of prophets prophesying and Samuel standing as sainted over them. I. Samuel, 19:20, or Samuel must have been president of that company or school of prophets. If it was necessary for prophets to have special training in a day when God revealed himself to men through angels, how much greater the need of special training for the ministry in this day, when angels in visible forms no more walk the earth and talk with men. The Theological Seminary is a company of preachers, with Mullens, Robertson, Eager, Lampey, Dorgan, and others, standing as sainted over them, to instruct them in God's eternal truths. We think that every preacher who possibly can ought to attend the Seminary. It is one of the best places on earth to learn how to study the Bible.

C. M. BASS,
J. M. DUNAWAY,
Committee.

Ministerial Education.

We, your committee on Ministerial Education, would submit the following report;

First, we believe a minister should be called of God; then educated from a literary standpoint the very best possible. If God calls a man to preach his Word, we believe he will also call him to prepare himself for the work. There is a work of preparation that the Holy Spirit must do, but there is also a work of preparation that the Holy Spirit will not do. The Saviour said before his departure, "I will send him unto you, (meaning the Holy Spirit), and when he, the spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth." For the minister to be guided, he must be submissive, or willing to be lead. This is one very important branch of ministerial education. There are many opportunities in this day and time for young ministers to educate themselves. If any fail to get an education it is their own fault. We would recommend for young ministers Mississippi College and our Theological Seminary, as the best places for them to prepare themselves for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEEN,
M. E. POLK,
J. F. M. ROWELL,
Committee.

Sunday School.

We, your committee on Sunday School, beg to submit the following:

From year to year this Association has had able reports read, setting forth in no mistakable terms the magnitude of the importance of each church maintaining a well organized and well conducted Sunday School. Time after time brilliant addresses have been made advocating the adoption of said reports, giving various reasons for maintaining this part of the church work. The greatest obstacles in the way of the success of this work, is the almost general disposition on the part of parents to regard the Sunday school fit only for children. And the officers seem to think it is altogether out of place for them to either take part in or attend the school. Such an idea is preposterous. It is just as urgent on each member as it is to attend the church service. Christ came into the world on a mission of love. His most emphatic command is love and obedience. Whom we know not we cannot love. The Sunday school is the most practical method of teaching our children Christ and his love. How important then it is that we exert every effort to maintain at all times an enthusiastic interest in this work, so that every child, may in our Sunday school learn to know and love Christ.

E. I. WATTS,

C. E. BASS,

W. N. FORBES,

Committee.

Mississippi College.

Mississippi College, located at Clinton, Miss., owned and controlled by the Baptists of Mississippi, is one of the best colleges in the South for the education and development of the young men of our country. It is a college in which the farmer boy is as highly regarded as the wealthy. A place where the boy is not esteemed for what he has, but what he is. Its officers and faculty are self-sacrificing and God-loving men, therefore it is a safe place for the boys who want training. Your committee would suggest that the brethren, especially in the remote part of the State visit the college and see for themselves what we have there and get into themselves a greater interest in and sympathy for the college.

T. D. COX,

J. C. RYALS,

W. N. FORBES,

Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

State of Miss., Marion Co., 1802.

To the Pearl River Baptist Association:

The undersigned treasurer of said Association submits the following report:

ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES.

To amount on hand last report.....	\$ 44 75	
To amount received since.....	44 40	\$ 44 75
By amount paid Clerk.....		
Total.....	\$ 89 15	\$ 44 40
To balance.....	\$ 44 40	

STATE MISSIONS.

To amount on hand last report.....	\$ 37 75	
To amount received since.....	29 55	\$ 42 00
By amount paid out.....		
Total.....	\$ 67 30	\$ 42 00
To balance.....	\$ 25 30	

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To cash on hand last report.....	\$ 25 50	
To amount received since.....	84 00	\$ 50 01
By amount paid out.....		
Total.....	\$ 109 50	\$ 50 10
To balance.....	\$ 59 40	

GENERAL MISSIONS.

To cash on hand last report.....	\$ 85 06	
By amount paid out.....		\$ 85 06
Total.....	\$ 85 06	\$ 85 06

HOME MISSIONS.

To cash on hand last report.....	\$ 40 05	
To amount received since.....	22 35	\$ 45 30
By amount paid out.....		
Total.....	\$ 62 40	\$ 45 30
To balance.....	\$ 17 10	
To total balance.....		\$ 146 20

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. STOVALL, Treasurer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

I have carefully examined the Treasurer's report and find the same sustained by cash and vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PITTMAN.

ABSTRACTS COMMITTEE.

We your committee on Abstracts beg leave to report the following:

Antioch report regular services on 3d Sunday and Saturday before in each month. Elder T. B. Fortinberry, pastor.

Bismark report services on 4th Sunday and Saturday before in each month, with J. W. Steen, pastor.

Black Jack Grove reports services on 1st Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. W. Duncan, pastor.

Cedar Grove, service on 1st Sunday and Saturday before in each month. W. A. Hewitt, pastor.

Cany, services 1st Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. J. Jestice, pastor.

Good Hope, services 2d Sunday and Saturday before in each month. A. A. Bryant, pastor.

Oloh, services on 2d Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. J. Jestice, pastor.

Prince Springs, services on 3d Sunday and Saturday before in each month. L. D. Posey, pastor.

Providence, services 3d Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. L. Price, pastor.

Holly Springs, services 2d and 4th Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. J. Jestice, pastor.

New Hope, services 2d Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. W. Steen, pastor.

Little River, services 4th Sunday and Saturday before in each month. R. N. Davis, pastor.

Shiloh, services 1st Sunday and Saturday before in each month. J. E. Davis, pastor.

E. J. PITTMAN,
A. A. BRYANT,
Committee.



APPORTIONMENT.

Black Jack Grove.....	\$ 5 00
Columbia.....	100 00
Cany	15 00
Holly Springs	15 00
Cedar Grove.....	15 00
Little River.....	10 00
Providence ..	15 00
Magee Creek.....	30 00
New Hope	15 00
Prime Springs	10 00
Bismark	15 00
Shiloh	10 00
Oloh	10 00

J. W. STEEN, Chairman,

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

We your committee on Devotional Exercises beg leave to make the following report:

That A. V. Rowe preach in the house at 11 o'clock a. m. and T. D. Cox in the school house at the same hour, and at 2 o'clock p. m., C. E. Bass preach in the school house.

T. D. HOLMES,
G. D. ROBERSON,
Z. T. DRAUGHDRILL,
Committee.

NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following:

That the next meeting of this Association be held with Bismark, Lawrence County, Miss., 14 miles south of Monticello.

That Rev. W. A. Hewit preach the introductory sermon. Alternate, J. J. Jestice.

E. J. PITTMAN, Committee.



Messengers.

The letters from the various churches were presented and the following names were enrolled as delegates:

Black Jack Grove—John Pittman, John Singler.

Holly Springs—J. S. Newman, G. M. Thornhill, J. C. Mulford, H. Dunaway.

Little River—R. Moss, M. E. Polk.

Magee Creek—J. A. Davis, Jesse Walters, W. J. Stovall.

Prime Springs—J. C. Ryals, Martin Cooper, L. W. Williamson.

Bismark—G. B. Cooper, E. L. Summer.

Shiloh—E. H. Williamson, J. D. Wallace.

Cedar Grove—John Cooper, Fleek Fortinberry, A. H. McDaniel.

Cany—E. G. Thompson, W. L. Sancier, Joshua Johnson.

Good Hope—A. A. Bryant, John C. Martin, Z. G. Bryant.

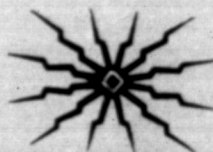
New Hope—E. J. Pittman, J. M. Turnage, A. H. Rowell.

Antioch—W. N. Forbes, J. D. Holmes, J. Graham.

Providence—J. F. M. Rowell, D. M. Price.

Columbia—L. Smith, S. A. Jones, John Watts, A. S. Applewhite.

Oloh—Silas Baggett, Jesse Lott.



Financial Report.

Churches.	Pastors Salary.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Mississippi College.	Paid for Minutes.	Other Objects.	Value houses of wor- ship.	Other Property.	Expenses on Repairs.	P'd. Visiting Ministers.	General Missions.	Orphan Home.
Mageus Creek.....	\$ 125 00	\$ 26 60	\$ 5 75	\$ 6 65	\$ 18 20	\$ 3 00	\$ 19 80	\$ 400 00	\$ 100 00					
Cedar Grove.....	150 00	17 15				4 50		500 00						
Now Hope.....	75 00	4 70	4 75	3 60		1 50		600 00			150 00			
Oloah.....						2 10								
Black Jack Grove.						1 00								
Antioch.....		4 50				2 50	17 50	400 00						
Bismark.....	50 00	5 15	5 15	5 30		1 50	47 05	400 00	20 00					
Columbia.....	500 00	20 00		54 50	70 00	5 00	186 90	1500 00	1200 00		22 10			
Providence.....	100 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		4 00		500 00			407 74			
Good Hope.....						1 00		250 00			50 00			
Prime Springs.....	100 00	4 00	4 90			3 00		300 00			1 25			
Holly Springs.....	300 00	21 90	1 00			3 45	20 60	300 00						
Cany.....	100 00	8 20	25			1 50	9 00	300 00	36 00					
Little River.....				7 00		2 25	10 00							
Shiloh.....	100 00	10 00				3 00		400 00	35 00					
Total.....	\$1500 00	\$ 123 20	\$25 80	\$82 45	\$88 20	\$39 30	\$ 280 85	\$5850 00	\$1391 00	\$ 631 29				

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	INCREASE			DEC'SE		Total Memb'rship	Ordained Min'ers	Licentiate.	Time of Meeting.	No. of Minutes.
	Baptized.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Expulsion.					
Cedar Grove.....		2		5		130			1	30
New Hope.....	22	2	1	8	1	200			2	10
Shiloh.....		1	2	10	7	75			1	20
Little River.....				1		44			4	15
Cany.....	21	21	3	8	2	105	1		1	10
Holly Springs.....	10	10	1	7	4	191	1		4	20
Prime Springs.....	12	12		11	5	89			3	20
Good Hope.....	1	1	2	17	6	66	1		2	10
Providence.....	29	29	3		3	261			3	40
Columbia.....	24	24	1	9	1	158	2		2	35
Bismark.....	19	19		3		52			4	10
Antioch.....	5	5			1	87			3	20
Black Jack Grove.....				5		13			1	9
Oloh.....						12			2	10
Magees Creek.....	6	4	1	5		121	1	1	3	25
Total.....	149	108	14	89	32	61604	6	1		281

Directory of Churches.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.
Shiloh.....	J. E. Davis.....	H. T. Ittman.....
Magees Creek.....	J. L. Price.....	J. D. Thornhill.....
Little River.....	R. N. Davis.....	E. F. Williams.....
Cany.....	J. J. Jestice.....	E. G. Thompson.....
Holly Springs.....	J. J. Jestice.....	A. A. Beard.....
Prime Springs.....	L. D. Poey.....	J. C. Ryals.....
Providence.....	J. L. Price.....	B. E. Sandefer.....
Bismark.....	J. W. Steen.....	G. B. Cooper.....
Antioch.....	T. B. Fortinberry.....	W. N. Forbes.....
Columbia.....	W. A. Hewit.....	E. A. Wilks.....
Black Jack Grove.....	J. W. Duncan.....	J. R. Barnett.....
Oloh.....	J. J. Jestice.....	J. I. Lott.....
New Hope.....	J. W. Steen.....	W. L. McKinzie.....
Cedar Grove.....	W. A. Hewit.....	W. T. Willoughby.....
Good Hope.....	A. A. Bryant.....	J. C. Martin.....

Good Hope Church was dismissed by letter.

Licentiate.		Time of Meeting.	No. of Minutes.
1	1	1	30
		2	10
		4	20
		1	15
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		3	20
		2	20
		3	10
	2-4	3	40
	4	3	35
	3	4	10
	1	3	20
1	2	1	9
	3	2	10
1		3	25
			281